



Minutes of the Milton Abbas Street Fair Trustees' Meeting

held on 19th August 2025

Present: David French (DF) - Chair, John Widdowson (JW), Debbie Drammis (DD), Ann Fookes (AF), Jennifer Harrison (JH), Stuart Driver (SD), Steve Gould (SG)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed all Trustees.

Apologies were received from Brian Isherwood and Mark Castle-Smith.

DF congratulated the Organising Committee on providing an excellent Street Fair.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th January 2025

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

AF provided the invoice for the latest edition of the Milton Abbas Village Guide at the meeting.

All other actions were complete.

4. Conflicts of Interest

All Trustees had some interests in the bids for funding. However, these were not discussed (see Allocation of Grants).

5. Ratification of Email Decisions

The recommendation to accept the Beneficiary bid from Winterborne Scouts was ratified.

6. Financials

There was no information on the status of the storage container. SG repeated his offer to help with the situation.

All Supplementary bids were now closed.

7. Financial Position Post Street Fair

DD briefed the Trustees on the latest financial position.

The Fair had generated an income of around £39,000. This was less than hoped for, but was due to the lower number of attendees.

Expenses were estimated to be around £28,000, which is well in excess of the budgeted £25,000. DD had still to receive expense claims from a number of individuals. DD and the Trustees were concerned by the apparent lack of financial control and due diligence. DD would inform the Organising Committee of the Trustees views and the need to improve financial control in future.

Action: DD.

DD informed the Trustees that the Fair bank account now stands at £31,400. This includes £14,000 Startup and Rainy Day funds. This leaves £17,400 for Grants.

8. Allocation of Grants

The Trustees discussed the allocation of grants.

The bid from Friends of Luccombe Hub had been withdrawn pre-Fair. The additional bid from Winterborne Scouts is for £500. Also Hilton and Ansty had not submitted a figure in their bid, £1000 was suggested by the Trustees. Also to consider was the Charity Donation which historically had been £1000.

Netting off the Luccombe and Hilton bids and adding the Winterbourne and Charity Donation brought the total bid to £17,720, which is more than the available funding. There is also the uncertainty with the final expenses total.

There was some discussion about using some of the Rainy Day allocation to top up the grant funding. However, given the uncertainty with the expenses and limited feedback on Volunteer attendance it was decided that allocation of Grants would have to be deferred to another meeting.

9. Beneficiary Award Event

Deferred pending decisions on Grants.

10. Street Fair Trust and Organising Committees

DF informed the Trustees that he would be standing down as Chair following the Beneficiary Award Event.

DF was also aware that Mark Castle-Smith would not be continuing as Chair of the Organising Committee.

DD informed the Trustees that she would also be resigning as Treasurer of both Trustees and Org Com.

Trustees were encouraged to identify potential candidates for these roles.

Post Meeting Note: The maximum number of Trustees allowed by the Constitution is eleven.

11. AOB

There was none.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting date would be determined by the finalising of the financial position post Street Fair.

D. J. French
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